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Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski,

In the real world where there is competition in phone service, any person in the USA can call anywhere in the world at 1¢ to 2¢ per minute, and have the liberty to talk to even a stranger 16,000 miles away.

Yet in the greed/corrupt DOC, a phone call to a family member or friend by a prisoner, 90 miles away costs 43¢ per minute, or else, \$6.50 for 15 minutes.

Due to the anti-family policy of The DOC, prisoners are housed as far as possible away from their families, and friends. Some prisoners pay \$1.00 per minute for phone costs: This is inhuman and cruel, to both prisoner and their family members.

Personally, I must choose between calling my children, at 43¢ per minute and commissary items I need, such as soap, shampoo etc., and/or expensive medical costs at \$5.00 a visit, plus \$5.00 for medication, if needed. The DOC's assault on prisoners and their family's money, must stop! Communication with the outside is vital to insure relationships. To actually hear your family member's voice means a lot in prison to off-set loneliness, but the cost just shouldn't be so outrageous. The DOC shouldn't be allowed to profit in the phone systems as, the phone should be a service. The Department of Correction is actually the Department of Corruption, and mindless greed.

Respectfully,
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Date 6: November 20, 2012

This is a public comment- Wright Petition (CC Doc. 96-128)

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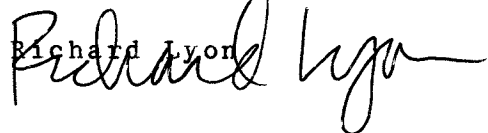
Chairman Genachowski:

I am in support of the Wright Petition. I have bee incarcerated in Texas since 1991 and since we are not paid for our work time, nor credited in any way for our labor, money is very tight. Therefore the high costs of keeping in contact with our family by the means of the Offender Telephone System at 38 cents per minute for out-of-state calls plus monthly fees is a burden to our families.

My family resides in Connecticut and because the long travel distance and the physical constraints as a result of their age my family cannot afford to visit me. My only opinion to communicate family matters is by use of the telephone system.

Chairman Genschowski, I am not adverse to private profit companies making a fair return for services rendered. However, to charge a premium to prisoners and their families is beyond the pale of American capitalism. The prison system is getting a commission for allowing access to those they hold in prisons. In a situation such as exists in Texas, where prisoners are not paid for their labor, these fees drain the already stressed financial resources of our families. Please give the Wright Petition due consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Richard Lyon


This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128).

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Please accept this letter in support of the Wright Petition. I have been incarcerated in Texas prison for almost 37 years. Texas does not pay prisoners for their work and does not provide any avenue for us to keep in contact with our families via telephone unless our families are able to pay the bill. Many prisoners cannot remain in contact with their families because of the high cost of prison phone services. There are too many entities making a profit off of the misery of prisoners and their families. I am currently being charged a fee of .23¢ per minute, plus applicable taxes or telecom and marketing charges. That equates to a charge of \$4.68 per 20 minute phone call to my wife in Texas. Each 20 minute call breaks down as (\$4.60) for the call, plus (.08¢) in telecom and marketing fees on the back end, not counting the state sales tax of 8.4% of my purchase, when I pre-purchase phone credit from the prison commissary on the front end.

Quite honestly, I believe prison telephone charges should be regulated by the FCC so they become more in line with prices outside prison fences, and prevent budget-strapped state agencies and get-rich scheming marketers from further gouging of incarcerated consumers and their families. My wife pays \$50.00 a month for unlimited calls. I am currently being required to pay approximately \$50.00 per month to call my wife twice weekly. That is only if I pre-pay the phone time. If I call her collect, the payment expands, and if she were to be out of state, (as many wives and children are) the payment would expand even farther.

Chairman Genachowski, the telephone calls I make to my wife are extremely important to both of us. However, since the state does not pay me for my work, my wife has to pay the phone bill. My wife is an elderly, disabled person. She is a cancer survivor, and just came through triple by-pass heart surgery. She does without necessities so we can have our precious little contact. It is with these things in mind that I implore you to give the Wright Petition your greatest consideration, and put a stop to the profiteers who are taking advantage of and overcharging prisoners for phone services.

Respectfully submitted,



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TO: Chairman Julius Genachowski
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FROM: Martin D. Smillie DM-5123
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

"This is a public comment for the **Wright Petition** (CC Docket #96-1280)." This is not only about the high cost of phone calls to loved ones but also about the Department of Corrections enforcing a phone contract with their phone system GTL, in all Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. I have been calling my father for over Fifteen (15) years without any interruptions in my father service with his long distance carrier. Now that I have been sent farther away from my father SCI-Fayette is trying to force my father opening an account with Global Telephone Line I think that's what they call it (GTL)?

Not only are they forcing him into a phone contract they are telling me that my father's long distant phone carrier is the ones that has the block on his phone, this is a lie because its a recording through (GTL). He must call their toll free number to set up an account? I have been calling my father collect over fifteen (15) years without no problems. My father pays his bills on time without any delays, so this block is done by their phone system not my fathers.

I have filed two complaints to the Phone coordinator here and she said that its my fathers long distant phone carrier that's most differently a LIE. Then they go on to say that my father has not paid his bill that's a LIE. Its bad enough of them over charging inmate and forces family all this monopolizing they do? There should be a law against this but no-one is doing anything about it? They just keep building more prisons. I also filed a Grievance on this above issue. I also

raised a Constitutional Rights violation my mine and my father First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendment violation of forcing my father into a contract that he does not need. So I hope this information helps with your department investigation on the high cost of the phone calls that Department of Corrections charges are loved ones.

Sincerely,


Martin D. Smillie DM-5123

CC: Chairman Julius Genachowski
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November 5, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genchowski
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Re: Wright Petition (CC Docket No. 96-128)

Dear Mister Genachowski:

I am writing you personally on a matter that is extraordinarily problemsome and troubling as a prisoner, that being, the outlandish and what appears to be predatory pricing structure of a sole source communication provider for pre-paid (from facility funds) or horrendously priced collect calls contact via landline telephone calls from the Hudson (Kearny), Monmouth (Freehold), and Passaic (Paterson) County Jails in New Jersey from 2004 thru 2005 and beyond.

The fact that family, attorney(s), friends and associates were forced to make available funds to one's institutional payment accounts, or, even more onerously, establish a "prepaid" drawing credit account with some carriers' seems a violation of common decency and consumer protections. Especially, for someone who will spend a very short time in detention; the carrier may end up with residual funds on deposit after release from a County Jail that become sheer profits as the initial depositor does not receive an automatic reimbursement when an established account remains "dormant" for more than say 90-120 days or ever

Conrad Black Interview (cont.)

marriage in at least ten states.... It's just this massive, there's been a real social and political shift on that issue. And well, looking at it as an advocate, I think really I'm certainly very impressed. But I think some of the key things we've seen, there is a lot of time, effort and money put into that. There's been a legal strategy, there's been a political strategy and there's been a social strategy. And obviously, social acceptance for gays and lesbians is far more now than it was 30 years ago.

CB: All of these groups have been very effective....

PW: Yes, compared to what it was say 40 years ago. One of the things too when we talk about the prosecutorial system, and you see wealthy men like Bernie Ebbers, for example, the man in his 60s sentenced to basically life in prison and he reports to prison to die in prison. And unlike most people going to prison that are poor and have little in the way of resources, any insights on why people are doing that?

CB: You mean why do they go for these outrageous sentences?

PW: In a lot of these cases. You know who Mark Rich was?

CB: Sure, yeah, yeah.

PW: Take Mark Rich. Whatever anyone thinks of him, I think he's a pretty savvy guy, and he said rather than take my chances in a courtroom against this, I'm going to hightail it to Switzerland and wait it out there. And I think after twenty years he was pardoned.

CB: Yeah, well he contributed a fair bit to the government party. But in that case I think the statute under which he was convicted was nonsense....

PW: Yes, but he didn't take his chances with the criminal justice system.

CB: In my own case, I never considered that. I was going to fight it out. And partly it's because I didn't realize how corrupt and corroded the system and what a stacked deck it is. But even if I had, I would have done the same thing. I had a lot of assets in the United States and whatever happened I was determined to make the best case I could that I was not, in fact, guilty. But if I had not had any assets and wasn't particularly well known and hadn't a lot of friends here and valued their respect, I can't say it wouldn't have been tempting....

PW: What did you learn while you were in prison?

CB: I found it interesting in some ways, it was tedious of course. Normally, I do get on fine with people, but I didn't know if I would get on, because I hadn't had much experience with this milieu of people. But I got along fine. I had no trouble with any of the inmates, and indeed, I only had a couple of minor verbal exchanges with the regime.... So my job there was a tutor. I got quite involved with helping these people to pass their GEDs and we got more than 100 of them through, we doubled the graduation rate, my two colleagues and I, fellow tutors. It was interesting work and I got very interested in their, in these people, ones who opened up a lot, and it was none of my business but some of them became quite expansive you see. And so I ... have a higher appreciation than I had before of how many, and how seriously disadvantaged people are in a rich country like this, specifically this country which is a rich one. I found that a lot of these – now let's face it, a lot of these people are essentially scoundrels – but they're quite interesting. And I did tell the *London Daily Mail*, the composition of the [prison] I was in was considerably more interesting than the membership of a number of clubs I belonged to.

[Laughter]

I didn't specify which ones, as I didn't think that'd be appreciated by the management committee of the club, but it's true, a lot of them were quite interesting. And of course, you learn a whole lot more about the terrible wastage of human resources. I was in a place where very few people had been convicted of violent things, a few had been....

PW: I'm thinking with the BOP [Bureau of Prisons], these are guys, generally they've done a lot of time and they're working their way out of the system.

CB: Either that or they've had relatively light sentences to begin with. And some had come from max, to medium to low. There were different types; very few with a violent background. For example, when I started to look into this, there were just about 650,000 people in this country in the mid-seventies who were in mental asylums, or mental hospitals, institutions....

PW: Right, now they're all in prison.

CB: They're all in prison ... and they don't belong in prison. You'd see some of these people heavily medicated, shuffling around like zombies and talking to themselves. They don't belong in prison.

PW: And actually, I think the prison

officials are the first people to agree with that.

CB: They would say that, I'm sure they would say that. And on the other hand, I would say about 20% of the people there, if you opened the gates, took down the fences and took down the doors and said that everyone is free to go, they would cling to the furniture. Otherwise they'd be skid row bums. They've got companionship, a roof over their heads, they get three meals a day – it's not fabulous cuisine, but it's not like they'd be dining in fine restaurants if they were outside. And they watch television; it's a welfare system. And that's not what prison's for; it's not for people with mental problems, I mean, other than to the extent that their mental problems cause them to commit crimes, and even then, it probably isn't for them. And it isn't a substitute for an orthodox welfare system. I will say that some of them are probably incorrigible but not violent.... I never much thought about it, but prison is a completely stupid place for nonviolent people. I mean it makes no sense. It's only done because it's been done for centuries. But it's an utterly stupid remedy or penalty. I accept that violent people, that's a different matter, some of them may actually be a threat to other people, you have to be careful.

PW: If you had one piece of advice for prisoners what would it be?

CB: I can only speak to the low-security ones, but basically, no matter who it is, no matter what their philosophical or religious views if they have any, is just don't give up hope. The greatest enemy in those places is hopelessness. I'm not a blustering person and I'm not a pep-rally person at all, but I did counsel a number of people at the edge of despair and I will say in a couple of cases I maybe made a difference. But that's your greatest enemy. Once you lose hope, now I wasn't going to do that because I was conducting my appeals, on a worst case I would have served 5.5 years and still would have something to live for. Anyone has something to live for, but I still had some cards to play. And I had a wife and I had children who were very loyal to me, all of them, and there was no way I was going to end up with no money at all.... So I understand that I am more fortunate than most of them, but that's always the key: Mr. Churchill's phrase, "never despair." That's a trite message, but that would be the message.

PW: Well, I don't think it's trite at all.

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"This is a public comment for the Wright Petition(CC Docket 96-128)."

Dear Mr.Genachowski,I am writing you this letter as an inmate and a concerned citizen. As you are aware of the high cost of telecommunication companies charging outrageous prices for calls from within institutions,both on a state and federal level..Here in Vermont there are a couple of telephoe compaines that charge flat rates for calls anywhere in the United States & Canada. It is your job as a public sevant to be on the side of the people and to do what is best for the citizens,(all citizens),meaning the famlies of those incarcerated that have to pay the phones bills. This is an old issue and it is high time someone stops the monpoly of the companies that now offer such ridiculous high prices.I get 30.cents an hour for work,that is \$12.00 a week not even one phone call a day,that would cost \$21.00 a week. People are affected all over the United States because no one will act on this issue. To be clearer about the flat rates in Vermont the calls are free.Where I am at there are 4 units that hold inmates,with 3 phones in each unit. The phone companies have a potental of making \$576.00 a day. That is \$17.280, a month. With 7 correctional compexes that I know of that is \$120.960 a month,and \$1,451,520 a year.This is coming from a State that only has a population of around 800.000,people. Like I said ridiculous. I hope when this letter is read that everyone can see how much this old idea is affecting our families bank accounts.Mom Dads,Grandfathes, and Grandmothers,Husband wives....Everyone.Lets stop this and get into the 21st century NOW!!

Thank you all for your time and support on this matter.

Respectfully



Norman Weygandt

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(cc DOCKET # 96-128)

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Chairman JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
Federal Communication Commission
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November 9-2012

RE: CAMPAIGN FOR PRISON PHONE JUSTICE

Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski

My name is STANLEY E. BROWN, and I am a LIFER with 37 YEARS in as of April 2-2013, I am at the SCI-Huntingdon, and the DOC here at SCI-Huntingdon has changed phone Company's two, three or more time's since I have been here, I have been Calling my Family "Collect Call's" since I have been Incarcerated and I can't Afford to buy a PHONE CARD, my ONLY WAY of CALLING my Family was to Call them by "COLLECT CALL'S ONLY" Now as of AUGUST 2012, he at SCI-Huntingdon has changed to "GLOBAL TEL-LINK ADVANCE P ACCOUNT at P.O.Box 911722, Denver, CO 80291-1722. So I now can't CALL my Family, I have not talked to my family since August 2012. The new Phone System want my Family to open up a phone account with them and that is a DOUBLE PHONE BILL, My Family can't afford to do that so I am not able to talk to my Family, I am all the way to far from my Family to visit me and now I can't talk to the phone, my ONLY WAY of talking to my Family was by "COLLECT CALLING" and now the DOC SCI-Huntingdon has STOP the "COLLECT CALL"!!

"PLEASE HELP ME BY GETTING THE COLLECT CALLING SERVICE

May I thank you now for your given time in this utmost importance.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley E. Brown
STANLEY E. BROWN

APPENDIX "A" is attached here to.

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NOTICE

Appendix "A"

Enhanced Service for Family and Friends for Inmate Telephone Calling

During the week of July 26th, 2012, families and friends who receive phone calls from inmates in any Pennsylvania Department of Corrections facility will be **automatically** converted from their GTL Direct Billed accounts to a Global Tel-Link AdvancePay Account. Families' and friends' new GTL AdvancePay account will be identified by a **new number**, which will be **their ten digit phone number**. GTL is pleased to provide this enhanced service to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections customers.

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Changes associated with this conversion are as follows:

AdvancePay will be at **lower rates** than traditional collect calling.

Mailed monthly statements will be eliminated.

AdvancePay accounts can be managed and money can be deposited into an account in several ways.

Payments to an AdvancePay account can be made by:

- Using a MasterCard or Visa branded credit or debit card online at www.offenderconnect.com
- Calling GTL's automated number 1-800 483-8314
- Mailing a check or money order payable to Global Tel-Link at PO BOX 911722, Denver, CO 80291-1722

Regardless of the method:

Families and friends can manage phone numbers on their GTL AdvancePay Account, make payments, view balances online at the offenderconnect website and more!

Toll Free Number: 1-888-385-9366 • Fax Number: 251-473-2802

Hours of operation:

Monday-Friday, 8am to Midnight, EST
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 8pm, EST

Mailing Address:

AdvancePay Service Dept.
Department 9111722
Denver, Colorado 80291-172

Website: www.offenderconnect.com

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TO:			FROM:	
NAME Julius Genachowski, FCC Chairman			NAME Anthony LaCalamita	
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IN CORRESPONDENCE, USE NAME AND NUMBER ON YOUR LETTER AND ENVELOPE

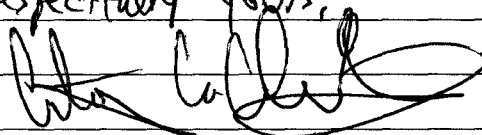
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128). I am currently an inmate serving a life with parole sentence at the Michigan Department Corrections facility above. I am writing to express my frustration with the imposition of high costs of phone calls by telecommunications providers on us inmates and our families.

Here in the state of Michigan, our telephone service provider, PCS, decided to raise rates over that of our previous provider, Embarg. Part of this rate increase was supposedly done to help fund cell-phone detection equipment to be used by the MDOC. Regardless, this increase has imposed an unfair burden on me and my family. For me, a fifteen (15) minute phone call costs \$2.75 in state and \$3.15 out-of-state. Since I have no family in Michigan, all my calls cost \$3.15.

As a unit porter, working 5 days a week, at 42¢ per day, I earn approximately \$8.40 per month. That's what I have available to pay for basic hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, as well as over-the-counter medications for pain relief, skin care/condition, and if I need to see health services, a \$5.00 co-pay charge. My wages of about \$100 per year are not adequate to cover my basic hygiene needs, postage or phone calls. This cost also places a burden on my family. If I call collect, that 15 minute call costs \$3.45. My parents are senior citizens on a fixed income, as are all my aunts and uncles. My brother lives paycheck-to-paycheck, as do many of my cousins. These phone rates, while lower than other prison phone costs in other states, are well ~~above~~ ABOVE common land-line market rates. We are asking for your help to take action and limit the price gouging that PCS, MDOC and other providers and states are engaging in. Please end the abusive cost of prison phone calls.

Respectfully yours,



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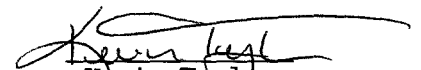
Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to you after reading an article in the Prison Legal News titled "Prison Phone Justice" in hope that you can look into and find some relief to the high prices we must endure for a telephone call here in the State of Pennsylvania. The telephone system here has placed a heavy burden not only on me, but my family, friends, and the entire prison population of Pennsylvania and their families as well. Currently on average for a 15 minute collect phone call our families are paying \$2.37 for the first minute of time and .27¢ for each additional minute, for a total of \$6.15 per 15 minute call. As an inmate, if I am fortunate enough to have the funds and am able to afford to purchase a Pre-Paid calling card it cost me on average of \$5.15 per 15 minute phone call, and these prices are just for in State calls, they go up drastically when we call out of State. In the past few years the phone system has changed in the way of forcing our families to set up an account and pre-pay with the Phone Company that handles Pennsylvania's Prisons, more or less monopolizing on the amount our families have to pay for a collect call or the amount we as inmates pay for our pre-paid calling time, and it seems that each time we turn around the prices keep rising on both collect and pre-paid. The high cost of these calls limits us from staying in contact with our friends, families, and loved ones as much as we would like to making us depressed and leaving a void in our lives.

Sir, it's hard to understand how we are paying these high prices for a telephone call here in PA when in 2010 inmates were shipped to the State of Michigan to help relieve the overcrowding here in PA and the Telephone Calls only cost them \$1.80 to call anywhere in the U.S.A. and I'm paying three times that amount to call $\frac{1}{2}$ way across PA. So, I'm not only asking for myself but on behalf of all the inmates and their families that this problem affects, Is there a remedy that can alleviate the burden of these high telephone call prices here in PA?

I thank you for your time and consideration in to looking into our issues and hope you are able to help us in this matter.

Sincerely,


Kevin Taylor

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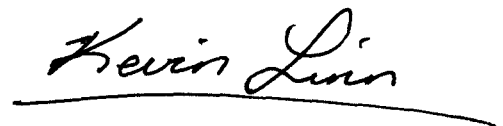
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I was an inmate of the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) for many years. The Global Tel Link (GTL) prices of inmate collect calling from the ADC are absurdly high, and have really had a negative impact on me and my family. My father is a 67 year old senior who receives Social Security benefits and could not afford to have me call home to speak with him very often. Due to my fathers financial situation extremely limiting my calls to home, it cause some negative consequences in our relationship. My father had his girlfriend who he was considering marrying - who I did not really know - living with him while I was in prison and nearing my parole date. While my fathers girlfriend was living with him, she began talking to my father about how I should not parole out to his house with her living there and them about to marry. This negatively affected me because I had nowhere else to parole to, and no money to pay to a half-way house to allow me to parole to them. I believe my father allowed his girlfriend to talk him out of allowing me to parole to his house because I was not able to call my father on the phone on a regular basis so that he could here my voice and feel closer to me because of the high phone rates and his financial situation. I know that had the phone rates been considerably lower thereby making me able to call home more often, my father would not have felt as distant from me as he did which allowed his girlfriend to talk him into not agreeing to allow me to parole to him. This cause me to have to remain in prison 5 months longer than I had to, until my father finally decided that he did not agree to his girlfriend preference and allowed me to parole to him. This also caused my father stress and ended his and his then girlfriends relationship. Also, being able to purchase food stuffs from the prison commissary is a positive thing that helps lift your spirits and make you feel a little better while in prison. But with the absurdly high inmate collect call phone rates and my fathers financial situation, I had to choose between being able to purchase commissary or being able to call home and speak to my father, and of course I chose to be able to call home, so I had to do without commissary stuffs, which was depressing a lot of times because you see other inmates whose families are a little better off financially purchasing commissary while you are not able to due to the high phone rates. Also, I would have loved to be able to call me sister and talk with her and hear her voice while in prison, but I could not because she has children that she has to provide for and she could not afford the very high GTL collect phone rates. The GTL inmate collect phone rates for ADC are ridiculously and hurtfully too high, and cause a lot of ADC inmates to be unable to call and speak to and hear their families voice as they should and would be able to do if only the phone rates were considerably lower as they should and need to be. Please try to feel where I am coming from in writing you this letter, and please, please help make the inmate collect calling phone rates come down considerably from the absurd current rates so that inmates with low income families can be able to call and speak to and hear the voices of their loved ones as can those inmates whose families are a little better off financially can and do. Thank you so very much for you time and consideration in this matter! Have a blessed day!

Sincerely,

Kevin Linn, ADC#119571

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Linn". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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RE: Wright Petition/ CC Docket #96-128

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Dear Mr. genachowski:

Enclosed please find a couple of letters and a copy of a portion of an article published by MI-CURE (PO Box 2736, kalamazoo, MI 49003. #(269) 383-0028) regarding this subject matter. I am hoping that I am not too late getting this to you, only I had issues of my own that came up which interfered with me doing so any quicker, yet i'd promised these guys that I would in fact get their letters to you... so here they are.

As for my in put on this, I can tell you that the high rates only fit into a bigger scheme of things for the MDOC. See the taxing and over burdening of our family and friends most times causes break downs within these relationships. When this happens the MDOC subsequently have us prisoners in a position whereas we're subjected to their will, and they can demonstrate whatever they see fit without having to worry about our loved ones, or those we could get to look in on this failed system. Its a win win for them.

Hopefully the letters, information that MI-CURE has compiled can be of use to you. I thank you for all that may, as well as those that could have, gained from what you've been willing to assist with. Do know that it is greatly appreciated, no matter the results. Have a wonderful day and may your blessings be abundant.

Most Sincerely,



Dear, CHAIRMAN Julius Genachowski,

THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR
Wright Petition (CC DOCKET # 96-128).

I'm writing to
say THAT ME and my family HAVE BEEN TRULY AFFECTED
BY THE HIGH COST OF THE NEW PHONE SYSTEM. WE
WERE AFFECTED BECAUSE THE M. D. C. PUT US IN
A BOLD ~~contract~~ CONTRACT with PCS. THE PRICES
WENT UP \$ 3.00 PER CALL, FROM \$ 1.50 PER CALL.

THE NEW
CONTRACT WAS BASED ON THE SYSTEM TO FIND CELL PHONES,
BUT MICHIGAN CORRECTIONAL PRISONS HAVE NEVER HAD CELL
PHONE PROBLEM.

MY FAMILY WE BARELY GET TO TALK BECAUSE
THE COST IS SO HIGH, AND OUR FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING
SO OUR COMMUNICATION IS LIMITED SO WE TEND TO
LOST THE ONLY CONNECTION THAT WE HAVE, SO I
THINK SOMETHING NEED TO BE DONE.

Thanks For your
TIME and understanding IN THIS MATTER.

Tracy Greenhall
Mr. Nelson Rivers
3050734

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the Wright Petition (cc Docket 96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski

My name is Brandon Bazzi 658794 I am currently a prisoner at MBP (Marquette Branch Prison) My Mother is Deceased and my Father incarcerated the only income I have is what few dollars my Aunts send when they can, and the 94 cents a day the prison pays when they have an available job position (which is vary scarce) so with little income from family and no job in prison it is hard to pay \$3.00 for a phone call when Medications and cosmetics as well as food are among the priorities it was much easier when phone calls were 1.50 now they have doubled at the expence of the prisoners (me) at a normal prison wage I would have to work for 4 days to make 1 15 minute phone call to my family. I was told that if I expressed my concern and explained my situation you could possibly do something to fix this or lower the cost and control what is basidly manipulation of the phone prices by companies and policies that do nothing but hurt prisoners and severe communication.

Bazzi 658794

into after the effective date of this act shall include a condition that fee schedules for prisoner telephone calls, including rates and any surcharges other than those necessary to meet special equipment costs, be the same as fee schedules for calls placed from outside of correctional facilities." (*Emphasis added.*)

Until this year, rates remained low and the MDOC never collected any funds for a special equipment fund.

The Current Situation:

The new contract with PCS includes a special equipment fund that is to be used to purchase and implement equipment that will detect contraband cell phones in the system. That fund will cause rates to nearly double.

The Problems:

Aside from the obvious problems associated with such a large increase, there are other concerns with regard to the Special Equipment Fund charges.

1. The MDOC does not know the size of the contraband cell phone problem. They admit that few contraband cell phones have ever been discovered. No one has ever been charged with committing a crime using a contraband cell phone from a Michigan prison.
2. The MDOC is proposing implementing a VERY expensive detection system for a problem that may be very small. In doing so, they are ignoring much less expensive solutions, e.g. cell-phone-sniffing dogs, and portable detection devices.
3. The technology for cell phone detection is not mature. According to a review of technical solutions to contraband cell phones published in December 2010, by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Federal Bureau of Prisons has concluded that "each of the solutions has one or more shortcomings."
4. The telephone company (PCS) is being paid the outrageous sum of 30% of all special equipment fund revenues to manage those funds. We know of no reasonably intelligent person who would pay 30% for someone to manage their funds.
5. Nearly every phone company that bid on this contract included some form of cell phone detection services at a lower cost than is incorporated into this new contract.

Making matters worse, PCS is collecting taxes on top of the base per-minute rates for debit and prepaid calls. That means that people are actually paying more per-minute than has been posted. The previous phone provider (EMBARQ) included the taxes in the base rate they charged.

The First Attempted Fix:

In response to the advocacy of a number of groups, MANY individuals, and some members of the media, the legislature attempted to fix the problem by inserting language into a supplemental appropriations bill. That language would have eliminated the special equipment fund. Unfortunately,

for technical reasons that we will not attempt to explain, that amendment is unenforceable.

Where We Are Now:

It is obvious that the legislature knows there is a problem. It is obvious that the Governor is aware of the problem. There is no doubt that there are other ways to address our concerns beyond the first technique the legislature attempted. But, frankly it is not clear that the legislature, the governor, or the MDOC has the will to fix the problems.

What You Can Do:

We know that many of you have worked very, very hard to bring attention to this problem. We are grateful for all of those efforts. For those of you who have not participated to date, and for those of you who still want to do more, keep in mind the following points. Personal stories generally help to get the attention of policy makers. It may be helpful to explain the impact these changes will have on you and your loved ones. You may also want to point out that you understand how unreasonable the contract provisions are. Keep your messages short. You will be communicating with very busy people.

The people who can make these changes happen are the director of the MDOC, the governor, and the state legislature. Contact information for those people appear at the end of this newsletter. A short letter to the editor of your local newspaper can also help to bring attention to this problem.

In addition, if you feel you are being charged incorrectly, based upon the above explanation, you can file complaints. Report questions regarding debit charges using the "Prisoner Debit Telephone Form." Report questions on non-debit calls using the "Prisoner Phone System Complaint Form." Both forms should be available at each institution.

OVER-CLASSIFICATION IN MDOC?

The Office of the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman recently completed an investigation of security classification waivers which concluded that upward departures are costing the state approximately \$18 million annually. An upward departure occurs when an individual is screened as a Level I or Level II security threat (the two lowest levels), but is departed to a Level IV or Level V. Individuals can be departed for one of 13 reasons, including recent behavior problems or another criminal case being brought against them.

A level IV placement is \$8,000 more expensive than a Level I or II. These facilities house fewer persons. Staff members are paid more in higher security facilities, despite the fact that there is little out-of-cell time. In addition to the high costs related to security, there is virtually no programming in Level V facilities and very limited programming in Level IV. Persons housed in these facilities cannot gain access to sex offender programming or assaultive offender programming, which often results in parole denials. Level IV facilities are double-bunked which can increase tension when individuals spend so much time in cell.

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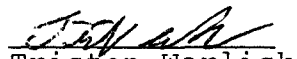
RE: THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC DOCKET #99-128)

Attn. Chairman Genachowski:

As reason herein, I care to raise awareness -and possibly effect change- regarding the financial hardship imposed on my family to simply maintain communication with me via phone calls. At present time, I am incarcerated at the above address which is approximately five(5) hours from my home town of Mechanicsburg, PA. Even so, as recorded on my fiancé's monthly telephone bill, the cost of one(1) fifteen(15) phone call per week totals \$7.50. I do not presume to know how much exactly a connection fee is, or the cents per minute for each phone call I make here; but I do know that the funds my fiancé sends me annually (i.e., \$360.00) for the cost of purchasing phone cards is much needed towards my two(2) year old daughters' diapers and formula. It goes without saying that I need to regularly communicate with my family for the duration of my current circumstance. Yet, that shouldn't be done at the expense of sacrificing things as essential as food, diapers, and even clothing. In short, would you consider either recomputing or readjusting the phone call rates for Pennsylvanias' detention centers, prisons, and institutions?

Thank you for your time and consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,


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Melvin-Troy Williams

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Recently, Pennsylvania transferred more than 1000 inmates to Michigan due to prison overcrowding. While there, they were allowed to make phone calls using the exact same system that Pennsylvania does (Global Tel Link). The calls from MI to anywhere in the United States were only \$1.80 for a fifteen minute phone call using the

same prepaid calling card system presently in use. Collect rates were only \$1.94 for the same amount of time. These are the same calls I have tried to make within Pennsylvania but I cannot afford them. In Michigan, these same calls were 70% cheaper and I do not understand how rates from Michigan to anywhere else in the United States are 30% of the cost of a call we pay in Pennsylvania for in state calls.

There are too many people that I am unable to call due to the fact that they cannot afford the cost. These are the same family members and friends whose support I will need to have a successful reentry back into society upon my release. However, I am losing my relationships with them due to lack of interaction and contact. And we should not be punished by GTL due to the fact that our friends and family members carry Vorizon as a carrier. We still deserve to keep in contact with our loved ones.

I hope that there is something that can be done about this, because it seems like all the phone company (GTL) and the D.O.C. (Department of Corrections) do is take advantage of our dire situation.

Sincerely,

Alvin Ray Williams

Melvin-Troy Williams

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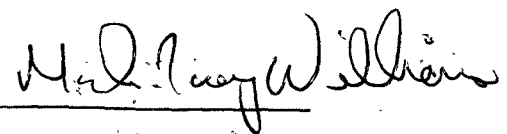
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R. DeHart

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SINCERELY,

CHRISTOPHER W. KOPPE
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Sincerely,

Phillip Thompson # EW-0594

Carlos J. Rivera Maysonet

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Friday Nov. 9th 2012

Dear Chairman Benachowski, I am writing these words in hopes of being able to add public awareness to how deeply troubling these phone rates have been affecting My Family and I.

~~Dear Chairman Benachowski~~ The phone is a very crucial and important factor of communication with and for Me and My Family, it plays a very significant role in our building and growing within our relations (Love, Respect, Understanding, and Honor). Sometimes we be dealing with important and sensitive issues concerning our children and life in general, it may take up to 6-7 calls sometimes on any given issue, which causes us great strain because of the fact on how expensive \$21.00 going into that particular issue, then to have to take some more phone communication to cover this same issue with my children, which is 3-Boys & 2-Girls individually is well over \$50-\$60 in 1-Day, then I may call Mom and a sister or two which will be another 7-calls at \$21.00 more to add, so then all together we've spent in 1-Day about \$75-\$80. It Hurts!

It's very important for us (My Family & I) to grow and build our lives together especially now with the strong possibility of my returning home after being incarcerated for the last past 23-years Chairman Benachowski; And - doing some of these calls during a crucial moment it's -
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been cut short due to insufficient funds (Money Ran Out). So after a couple of days of placing more money on the phone we still have the issue to deal with that we never got past/finish due to our being cut off for the lack of funds, at almost \$3.00 (\$2.88) a call its causing my family alone with myself real hardship, its not only stressful but its very discouraging, which causes a great strain on our relations and making it that much harder to build and grow on the love & harmony we've been blessed and fortunate enough to already establish. Real Talk!

Chairman Genachowski, due to my being so far away from home, at this hour visits are scarce (very limited), so even thou I still ~~write~~ write letters to family, the phone is most important and serves as a major form of building on our relations, but again its hurting us (family & I) tremendously bad and the psychological ramifications are very damaging emotionally, mentally, and physically, the lasting effects can be catastrophic.

I do not wish to take up to much more of Your time Chairman Genachowski, so with that said I hope and pray that my concerns will not fall on death early. May God's blessings continue to ~~be~~ be upon You & Your lovely family as He has for me and my lovely family. Peace!

Sincerely,
Darrin Hall-Bey

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Michael Moore, AY5139
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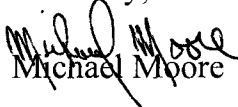
Dear Chairman Genachowski

I am a prisoner housed at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas, Pennsylvania. The phone system that is currently in place is a great hardship for my family and I. Recently the PA DOC changed telephone service providers, and the new provider does not allow our families to accept collect phone calls from state prison. Our families are being instructed to open accounts and place funds into the account prior to accepting any collect calls. The DOC and their "new telephone service provider" are literally holding our families' hostage.

As an employed prisoner here at SCI Dallas I make .19 cents an hour, hardly enough to purchase the basic necessities of life, surely not enough to purchase phone time through commissary services. Many inmates are not employed due to a lack of jobs imagine their situation. Family communication and support are very important parts of the rehabilitation process, which the DOC have confirmed, yet the DOC continues to uproot and destroy families by their zest for financial gain.

I would most certainly want my name included in any public docket case and I thank you for your concern and consideration

Sincerely,


Michael Moore

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This a public comment for the Wright Petition

Dear Chairman Genachowski

Hello; my name is Jacob Entelisano. I'm writing to tell you my own personal experience about the impact of the high cost of prison phone calls.

These high cost phone calls have put a strain on family and me, not only monetary but, emotionally as well. Because of the cost I am rarely able to speak directly with my family. For me it's the only way I get to visit with them, due to the over crowding problem in California, I am an out of state inmate. Being an inmate I only make .18¢ an hour at six and half hours a day five days a week. And with the cost of the phone being at .33¢ per minute with tax, tax being at 14.4%, this is what it cost me if I pay for it. But if I call collect it cost a great deal more for my family. This is just wrong. I do believe in paying for a fair price, but to punish me and my family because I am in prison with the phone is just wrong.

I also have an 95 year old grandfather that I don't get to see. But maybe get to talk to twice a year for maybe 5 minute because of cost. I have other family that they don't have time to write because they work two jobs just to get by and they can not afford the cost of a collect call.

Without these calls it make me feel alienated from my family they are my support while I serve

my time in prison with out them it is hard on me and them, especially my three little daughtes for I am the only one of their parent that they get to talk too.

If any question or if any more information is needed my contact information is down below

Thank you for your time.

Jacob Entelisano
10-15-12

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spect to, THE "VERY" HIGH COST OF
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CALLS.

AT NOX, THE COST
OF PHONE CALLS HERE ARE \$3.75
A CALL, FOR (15) FIFTEEN MINUTES.
AND BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT,
THE FIFTEEN MINUTES, go BY SO
FAST. IT REALLY PUTS A STRAIN
ON YOU, AND YOUR FAMILY. IN ADDI-
TION, WE ONLY RECEIVE (2) TWO CALLS
A MONTH.

IF YOU DESIRE TO DISCUSS
THIS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT ME.

THANK YOU

Sincerely,
[Signature]

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Dear CHAIRMAN Genachowski

The Impact of high prison phone calls has had a really big effect on my family and me. The chance to call home and hear a loved ones familiar voice helps to calm an inmates nerves and it help each person to build the support system to make a positive change to stay out once you get out. My family is on Disability and so they don't have all the money to spend on calls. When I was first coming to prison the phone calls were \$1.50 for a 15 minute call. Now their \$2.70 if we put the money on as an inmate and \$3.00 if our people do it. I know that many people don't see it as much, But as an inmate who works 18-20 days a month and still only makes \$25.00 a month it's a lot. And not to mention that there are many in here who can't and won't accept the money their people would like to send in. I get a little help from my people and I still tell them not to send a lot of money. I figure I got myself into this and in the end I'm the one who has to get myself out. But when I get myself out I'm gonna need my family's support and love to help keep myself on the straight and narrow.

We know we as inmates can write letters But hearing a loved ones voice is way more rewarding than getting a letter. I would love to be able call home more often. Not to mention the

phone companies would make more money with lower prices. I personally know of at least 50 to '0 guys who have stopped calling home completely because of the rates.

Thank you for taking the time to Read my letter and Thank you also for trying to help our Families and us with the price gouging on phone rates.

Thank You
Miller #298506.

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From: Jason Littles KL-4014
S.C.I. Forest
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Marienville, PA. 16239

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I'm writing and am very much concerned with the prison high cost phone calls. It is extremity difficult for myself, family, and friends to maintain that bond and connection that my support system loves to share in these hardship times. It's even harder when being in Pennsylvania but not close of your region and force to pay a high phone call rate and you and family are dealing with legal issues bills welfare, unemployment, and low paying jobs. Funds are at a limit which means phone calls are too which means you have two option 1) social conversation 2) legal issues with love ones.

It is very difficult, a strain, and alot of times letters are not enough. Two or 4 phone calls at 10¢ or 20¢ are not nearly enough once every few months. I don't have a huge family but I do have a nice size, I would love to call them a few times a month but because I am out of my region but still in Pennsylvania it is extremity impossible. Alot of times for me it's hearing my familys + friends

voice that gives me a feeling of being liberated from my conditions. I could write on and on about this heart felt issue and others also but others have to do the same as I have and take the time and contribute to write to you. I would really appreciate if you could respond back just letting me know you have received this letter.

It would be very much appreciated and if i can do anything ~~farther~~ farther please don't hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,
Jason Little

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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November 9, 2012

Dear Mr. Genachowski,

I'm writing to you regarding an article I read in the Prison Legal News titled "Prison Phone Justice" I'm currently incarcerated in a state correctional facility in the state of Pennsylvania. The telephone system here has created a tremendous burden on my family and I. In just this past month now in Pennsylvania the phone service does not allow collect calling. Now an inmates family is forced to set up an account and pre-pay through a company "Global Telatink" in order to receive calls from an inmate. So now if there was a family emergency I cannot simply just call collect but now whenever I call must first set up a pre-pay account through this Global Telatink company. This is a huge inconvenience on families and inmates. The department of corrections is forcing whoever I call to give up personal financial information through an unknown company in pre-determined set increments. My family contacted this company by telephone and the company would not reveal the location of its office. That is very unprofessional, sounds like a scam, and truthfully who would want to give bank account and credit card

information to such a business.

Besides Telalink the only other way for Pennsylvania inmates to have telephone contact is by the inmate themselves purchasing a phone card through Commissary. With this phone card a fifteen minute phone call costs an average of \$5.30. Inmates working at a wage of .19¢ an hour would need to work over 27 hours to make enough for one fifteen minute phone call. That is ridiculous when all someone is trying to do is maintain contact and a relationship with loved ones. The State of Pennsylvania takes advantage and profits off the limited privilege of phone calls. I know for a fact that Pennsylvania "extorts" more money from inmates through phone services than other states. In 2010 inmates were shipped to Michigan to help relieve overcrowding. In Michigan the phone calls were \$1.80 for 15 minutes of time to call anywhere in the country. So there are cheaper services available.

I hope that this letter sheds a little light on the abusive costs of prison telephone calls, and that something can be done soon to help relieve the burden on inmates and their families. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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@ 12:00 pm

Dear Chairman Gienachowski,

I'm writing because I am a victim of the high price phone calls for me to call my family & kids it costs me \$5.00 per call which is only for fifteen minutes. I work in the kitchen making .25¢ per hour that \$45.00 a month I still need food and cosmetics for the month the leftover money goes to a phone card which cost \$15.00 that's two and a half phone calls for the month. My family is on a fixed income and is only able to send about fifty dollars every two months. My mother expresses to me how she would love to hear from me more often I explain to her that it cost \$5.00 a call so she said she'll settle for the one call a month and the letters. I have two boys 12 & 5 years old that I call once a month due to high price calls. I had a call forwarding service which the jail restricted because the jail not making any money off of the service I asked why my number was restricted all the jail said was we don't allow call forwarding services why? I guess it's safe to assume it's because the jail not making money the jail service is \$5.00 for 15 minutes the call forwarding prices are \$1.00 for 15 minutes so you tell me why they cut my number and every other # off. I'm twenty eight and I have five more years before I see parole if I only talk to my kids & family once a month and I have 60 months left then basically I'm only going to talk to my kids 60 times in the next five years. Yes I did my crime I take responsibility for my actions and in paying my ^{debt} to society is this part of the punishment of my crime? Were inmates but we still humans what happen to cruel and unusual punishment!

Truly Yours

Joseph Chapman

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Dear chairman Gratchewski,

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In case you are unaware, those of us
in state Prison must pay \$ 15.90 for a \$ 15
Phone card with which we can only make 3 15 minute calls.
This is FAR more than what people on the street pay AND
we ask why? This is A cruel injustice, especially in
light of the fact that most of us work for 19¢ an hour
AND we only make about \$20 a month. So, most of us have
to spend the VAST majority of our pay check for a few
minutes of the main thing that calms us down and
allows us to maintain our sanity and humanity. contact
with our family, hearing their voice, keeping up with family
affairs.

In short, those of us in Prison are already in
extremely deprived financial situations, but we are
actually charged far more than people on the streets for a
phone call. How is this being allowed? I know for certain
that if we were allowed more time on the telephone (due
to cheaper, fairer rates) it would improve the overall morale,
attitude, and behavior of the prisoners in every prison.

Please, ~~just~~ petition for us to get
reasonable phone cost rates. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ring

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CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI, THE HIGH COST OF THE PRISON PHONE SYSTEM IS A
EXCESSIVE COSTLY EXPENSE, THAT HURTS NOT ONLY ME, BUT MY FAMILY AND FRIEND
FINACIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY, BECAUSE CALLS FROM SCI HUNTINGDON TO
PHILADELPHIA AVERAGE ABOUT \$6 A CALL, I CAN NOT STAY IN TOUCH WITH
FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES AS I USED TO BEFORE THE PHONE SYSTEM SWITCHED ONE
TO THIS PRESENT COMPANY, I HAVE EXAMPLES OF WHAT I MEAN, I LOST MY MOTH
IN 2005, A FAMILY MEMBER HAD TO CALL THE JAIL, I HAVE A AUNT THAT
MOVES FREQUENTLY, IT TAKES MONTHS TO RELOCATE HER, I HAVE A SISTER THAT
PAYS FOR THE COLLECT SERVICE FROM THE PRISON PHONE COMPANY, BUT SHE ALSO H
TO PAY HER OWN COLLECT BILL, WHY DOES SHE HAS TO PAY TWICE? MY GRANDMOTH
DIED ON JULY 22, 2012, I DID NOT HEAR ABOUT HER DEATH UNTIL AUGUST -
2012, IF I COULD HAVE MAINTAINED PHONE CONTACT AT A REASONABLE RATE, I S
WOULD NOT BE SO BITTER.

THE PROBLEM IS, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SET UP THIS
KICK BACK SYSTEM WITH THIS PHONE SERVICE, AND WHO EVER IS SUPPOSED TO WATCH
AND MAKE SURE THEY DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY HAS TURNED A BLIND EYE TO TOO
MANY OF THEIR QUESTIONABLE METHODS AND PRACTICES.

Sincerely

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L. Taylor

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"DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,"

I'M WRITING IN SERIOUS REGARDS TO THE EXTREME HARDSHIP ME & MY FAMILY ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING WITH HIGH COST OF USING THE PRISONER PHONE SYSTEM. I'VE BEEN PHYSICALLY INCARCERATED FOR THE PAST (APPROXIMATE) 18 YEARS AND HAVE RECEIVED NO MONETARY COMPENSATION ~~FOR~~ FOR MY WORK.

HOWEVER, IF MY FAMILY / FRIENDS PAY FOR THE PHONE CALL ON THEIR END, IT COST .29¢ PER MINUTE. IF I PAY ON MY END, IT'S .23¢ PER MINUTE. PLUS, WHEN I PURCHASE ON THIS END -- THE Sales Tax IS ALSO TAKEN. FOR INSTANCE, IF I PAY FOR \$30 IN PHONE MINUTES, THEN I'M FURTHER CHARGED APPROXIMATELY \$1.50 IN Sales Tax.

THE GIFT MONEY MY FAMILY / FRIENDS SEND ME, I USE LARGE PORTIONS OF IT TO PAY FOR "PHONE MINUTES" IN ORDER TO USE THE PHONE TO CALL THEM. SO REALLY IT'S THEIR MONEY I'M USING TO PAY TO CALL THEM, AS THEIR MONEY IS ALREADY BEING TAXED ON A VARIETY OF LEVELS (I.E. TAX PAYING CITIZENS). IN A STRONG SENSE, THIS IS ANOTHER CASE OF "TAXATION WITHOUT TRUE REPRESENTATION" AND I REQUEST YOUR HELP TO REDUCE THESE PHONE PRICES. PLUS, I JUST RECENTLY GOT MARRIED AND OUR PHONE COMMUNICATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN

MAINTAINING THE SACREDNESS of OUR MARRIAGE ,
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE LACK of CONJUGAL
VISITS AND THE DISTANCE (OVER 300 MILES)
MY FAMILY / FRIENDS MUST TRAVEL TO SEE ME .

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & OCCUPATION .

SINCERELY,
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